

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2162
Docket No.: 1614.1163**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Fujio MORITA

Serial No. 09/841,038

Group Art Unit: 2162

Confirmation No. 6609

Filed: April 25, 2001

Examiner: Jean B. Fleurantin

For: SEARCH SUPPORT DEVICE AND METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM STORING
PROGRAM FOR COMPUTER TO CARRY OUT OPERATION WITH SAID SEARCH
SUPPORT DEVICE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2006, and following the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review, mailed on January 5, 2007, setting a statutory period on one month from the date of the Notice to file an appeal brief. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Rule 116 Response and Request for Reconsideration because the claim amendments do not significantly alter the scope of the claims and place the application at least into a better form for appeal. No new features or new issues are being raised.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.